

POLITICS



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Our two-year A-Level covers the government and politics of the UK and the USA. Topics such as political parties, elections and pressure groups are studied. Contrasts between the two political systems are drawn on through the course – for example between Parliament and Congress & the two constitutions. The course also incorporates political ideas including liberalism, socialism and conservatism. This includes the study of the theory's ideas on human nature, the individual and society.

BEFORE YOU START

- Key textbook to purchase – AQA A Level Politics, Simon Lemieux et al, 2021 ISBN: 1398311324
- Subscribe for free content from the following podcasts:
<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/our-podcasts/inside-briefing>
<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/nick-de-souza>
<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/westminster-hour-bbc-radio-4-GdKZCet3ncu/>
<https://www.newyorker.com/podcast/political-scene>

Key words for the Autumn term: You will get to know and understand lots of political terminology for the course. Let's start this process now.

1. Find out and record the definitions to the key terms below.
2. Choose THREE of the terms to find out ore about and how it relates to politics in the UK

Key word glossary words

Power	Separation of powers	Legitimacy	Government
Politics	Codified constitution	Executive branch	Prime minister
Cabinet	Parliament	House of Commons	House of Lords
Judicial branch	Supreme Court	Rule of law	Devolution
Parliamentary sovereignty	Direct democracy	Representative democracy	Sovereignty

Political parties

Choose one of the political parties that are standing for election this summer. Write up a one page summary of what they stand for and who they represent. Include information on:

- Their manifesto for 2024
- Past leaders and policies
- Their historical origins and past election success/failures

Useful websites:

Tutor 2u:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/uk-politics-study-notes-for-a-level-politics>

Citizens Assembly on UK democracy:

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/sites/constitution_unit/files/glossary_of_terms_updated.pdf

Institute for government:

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/>

Elections 2024

There could never be a more exciting time to study politics! With the UK election in July and then U.S Congress and Presidential elections in November. WE will study electoral systems and elections in the course but we want you to find out about the following, writing it up in your chosen format.

1. UK General Election, 2024:

What are the results in terms of vote share? Seats? Are there any patterns of voting behaviour according to age? Gender? Ethnicity? Geographical area?

Compare the results to the 2019 election. What has changed?

2. U.S: National Conventions 2024

Find out about the Republican and Democrat National Conventions that take place this summer in the USA.

You need to create a summary of each identifying:

- When and where they are each taking place.
- The content of the party platforms published.
- The key slogans and quotes.
- Try to identify the purpose of the conventions.
- If you can identify their impact.

Research and list 5 politics-based careers
Choose three from the list and outline the role and expectations in more detail

Review those three to show why you would be interested or suitable for that **career**

LITERACY TASK

KNOW THIS TASK

RESEARCH THIS TASK

CAREERS TASK